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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANYING  
DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the subject application, please make the following amendments a part of the record:

**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 3-5 and insert the following:

--This is a division of application Serial No. 09/500,009, filed  
U.S. PATENT NO. 6,210,925  
February 8, 2000, now allowed, which is a division of application Serial  
No. 09/060,765, filed April 15, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,103495,  
which claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/043,700,  
filed April 16, 1997.--

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-85, 88-90, 95 and 98-101 and amend claims 86 and 87 as follows:

86. (Amended) A method of producing an amidated peptide product comprising  
the steps of: